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Letter dated 29 June 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to write to you further to my earlier letter sent to you on 8 June 2010 (S/2010/294) with regard to the recent development of a grave situation on the Korean peninsula.

As has already been officially announced, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea totally rejected the "investigation result" produced by the United States and south Korea linking the sinking of the south Korean warship *Cheonan* with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and clarified its position that it had had nothing to do with the incident, proposing that it dispatch to the site of the incident its own inspection group of the National Defence Commission to conduct an objective evaluation of the "investigation result".

In this regard, it is to be recalled that I expressed my hope in my letter dated 8 June 2010 that the Security Council would take measures that can lead the United States and south Korea to receive the inspection group of the National Defence Commission, as already proposed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the victim, to help verify the "investigation result" and find out the truth regarding the incident.

We are of the view that the most reasonable way of settling this matter would be for the north and south of Korea to sit together to probe for the truth.

From this point of view, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on 27 June 2010, proposed to the south Korean side a working-level contact for high-level military talks between the two sides.

The Security Council should take measures helpful to the realization of the proposal of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for high-level military talks between the north and south of Korea to objectively verify the truth regarding the incident before dealing with the unilateral "investigation result" of the United States and south Korea.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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